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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, For 250 years, the United States Postal Service 3 (USPS) has bound this nation together; and

- WHEREAS, The USPS delivers prescriptions to seniors and veterans, ballots to voters, and shipments for small businesses and provides reliable service to rural and remote areas, including many indigenous communities, where private companies often refuse service because it is not profitable; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Only the USPS serves every ZIP code and every 11 household, regardless of geography or income; and
- WHEREAS, The USPS faces renewed threats of privatization,
  which would mean jobs eliminated, closed post offices, and
  higher rates, and the loss of universal service at affordable
  rates to all ZIP codes would devastate families, local
  economies, and entire communities; and
- 17 WHEREAS, People have demonstrated how strongly they oppose 18 privatization, including a grassroots effort that has sent 19 more than half a million letters to Congress demanding 20 protection of the USPS; therefore, be it

- RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
  HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
  we affirm that the United States Postal Service is a public
  service that belongs to the people and oppose any effort to
  dismantle, privatize, or weaken this vital institution; and be
  it further
- RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to U.S. Postmaster General David Steiner.